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NEW PROPOSITION TO BE MADE BY JAPAN

Indemnity Waived And Prospects For Peace Are Much Brighter

ST. PETERSBURG, August 29, 3:15 a. m.—The Associated Press dispatch from Portsmouth, declaring that President Roosevelt was authorized several days ago in behalf of Japan to waive all claim to indemnity or reimbursement for the cost of the war, and cede back to Russia the northern half of the Island of Sakhalien, leaving the "redemption" price to arbitration by a fixed commission, was received too late here last night to reach the general public, but its significance was instantly recognized in quarters where it became known.

There is every reason to believe, judging from official expressions persistently given out by the foreign office since the beginning of the negotiations at Portsmouth, that this proposition by Japan to waive the question of indemnity goes far toward removing the last, and according to official explanation, the only stumbling block in the way of peace.

The foreign office has said that every disputed point between Russia and Japan, with the exception of the payment of an indemnity, has been practically arranged on a basis satisfactory to both sides, but that Russia would never pay an indemnity.

If the latest proposals of Japan means that she waives all claims to indemnity of any kind or description, giving up all idea of reimbursement for the expenses of the war in any guise whatever, and in place thereof is prepared to accept for restoration to Russia of the northern half of Sak-

halien at a redemption price to be fixed by an unbiased commission, there is reason to believe that this ought to supply a new and promising basis for the continuation of negotiations.

Creates Sensation in Portsmouth.

PORTSMOUTH, Aug. 28—Tomorrow morning Komura, acting under instructions received from Tokio as the result of today's meeting of the elder statesmen under the direct presidency of the Emperor of Japan, will submit to Witte a new basis of a compromise, that is firmly believed tonight will insure peace.

The revelation contained in the Associated Press exclusive announcement today, that Japan had already informed Emperor Nicholas through Ambassador Meyer, that Japan is ready to waive the question of indemnity and submit the price to be paid for the northern half of Sakhalien to the judgment of a mixed commission, is the sole topic of conversation. Japan's back down is the main issue, and the announcement has been the sensation of the day.

It has met denials high and low. The Japanese declined to affirm it, and the Russians said they had no confirmation. All hands admitted that if Japan took this position it was found out from under Nicholas. Everything will depend upon the form in which the proposals are submitted.

Should the renunciation be coupled with other propositions so that Russia could claim it is still only a disguised demand for tribute, the gulf might once more be narrowed but not bridged.

TWENTY PERISH IN SINKING SHIP

FERNANDINA, Fla., Aug. 28—Twenty men, constituting all but two officers and the crew of the American steamship Peconic, Captain Jones, bound from Philadelphia to New Orleans, were drowned by the sinking of that vessel off the coast of Florida today.

The disaster resulted from a fierce gale that raged along the coast during the night and early this morning. Lashed by the storm, the immense waves struck the vessel with terrific force, at 12:30 this morning. The impact coming just as the vessel was making a turn, the cargo shifted, and the vessel leaned over and sank immediately. Only two aboard, an Italian and a Spaniard, succeeded in gaining the lifeboat and saving themselves. They reached Amelia Beach about noon after a terrible experience. At the time of the disaster the ship was about 200 miles northeast of here. She had aboard 1500 tons of coal.

FOUR KILLED IN RAILROAD WRECK

WILLETTTS, Cal., Aug. 28—A wreck in which four men were killed and two perhaps fatally injured took place this afternoon on the logging spur of the California Northwestern railroad above Sherwood junction, which is five miles north of Willetts.

The logging engine was coming down a steep grade, and got beyond control. She leaped the track, with the imprisoned engineer Lewis and three of the logging crew beneath, and the escaping steam cooked them. The others were injured the same way.

BIRTHPLACE OF LINCOLN SOLD

HODGEVILLE, Ky., Aug. 28—Lincoln's birthplace, a 110 acre farm, was sold today at auction to R. J. Collier, of New York, who probably bought it as an investment for \$3,600. The sum is not more than it would bring for farming purposes.

LIGHTNING STRIKES AND KILLS A BOY

Robert Howard of Date Creek Falls a Victim to The Deadly Electric Bolt

News reached Prescott last night that Robert Howard, the 15-year-old son of J. O. Howard, was killed at an early hour yesterday by lightning while riding from the home of his parents on Date creek to Congress. It seems that while en route he met with the storm that struck Prescott at about the noon hour, and that when a few miles from Congress a stroke of lightning killed the horse and boy also.

Inquiry about town among those who are well acquainted with the residents on Date creek developed that Mr. Howard is a resident there, but nothing definite was to be learned as to the sudden death of the young boy. All the reports agreed that the bodies of the boy and the animal he had ridden were found after the storm by a traveler.

AMERICAN IN A COSTA RICA JAIL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28—A cablegram received at the state department from Minister Merry, dated at San Jose, Costa Rica, today says that Albers, the American citizen who was arrested in Nicaragua, is in comfortable quarters, and is allowed to receive friends in jail. He has retained two lawyers. Merry adds that he will see Albers has a fair trial.

Albers resided in Jalapa, in the district of New Segovia, and it is charged that he opposed the local authorities in their attempt to serve a writ.

In his excitement it is alleged that Albers insulted the president of the republic. The authorities of Jalapa commenced a criminal suit against him, and in the course of the proceedings caused his removal to headquarters in the district where Albers will be tried.

MORGAN CONFERS ON CHINESE RAILROAD

OYSTER BAY, August 28—J. Pierpont Morgan had an extended conference today with Roosevelt. The conference related to matters pertaining to the Canton-Hankow railroad in China, and its probable disposition by the present owners and the American China-Japanese company.

The firm of Morgan and company practically controls the road and its concessions. The Chinese government proposed to the American-China Development Company that it sell the road and concessions to China for seven million. The conference today had no relation to the peace negotiations.

BASEBALL RESULTS ON VARIOUS FIELDS

National.
Philadelphia 2, Pittsburg 4.
Chicago 4, Boston 2.
Brooklyn 10, Cincinnati 6.
New York 8, St. Louis 1.
American.
Cleveland 5, New York 4.
Detroit 2, Philadelphia 5.
Chicago 1, Washington 3.

MAN AND WIFE FLEE AND ABANDON CHILDREN

Disappearance Of A Mysterious Couple In Albany Stirs The Police

ALBANY, N.Y., Aug. 28—Evidence as to the identity of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rogers, who went out of the Hotel Ten Eyck here on Friday night, leaving their two little ones, one a baby of six months, and the other six years old, in the care of a chambermaid, is steadily accumulating, but their whereabouts are as much a mystery as ever.

The belief that the Rogers went to New York Thursday and sailed on the Campania for Europe, was disposed of this afternoon, when the steamship agents with whom they had correspondence about booking a passage, telegraphed that nobody answering their description had sailed on

the Campania or any other of the liners that departed Saturday.

The police are now working on the theory that Rogers and his wife are still in Albany or near at hand. There is nothing to show why they should abandon their children deliberately. Letters found demonstrate that the children were tenderly cared for.

Advices from Washington confirm the belief that Rogers is vice-president of the Congressional Correspondence Club. Thus far nothing has developed to indicate why Rogers is fleeing from justice. One theory of the police is that perhaps finding themselves without means they committed suicide.

BOLT OF LIGHTNING STRIKES CHURCH STEEPLE

Catholic Edifice Hit By The Electric Current

Hole Is Bored But The Damage Proves Slight

At a few minutes after the noon hour yesterday the steeple of the Catholic church was unfortunately made the landing point for a bolt of lightning, and as a result the upper portion of the highest place on the building is now damaged to an extent that may cause quite an expense to repair. While the noon hour thunderstorm lasted but a few moments in all, it was severe from the start, and the rain fell in torrents for about five minutes.

During this time several lightning flashes were seen to strike apparently close within the city limits, and the last one was seen to strike in the vicinity of the church. Those who from doorways were watching the storm, and waiting a chance to go their way, noticed the bolt, and various predictions were made as to where the lightning might have struck. "I told you so" was the comment made when it was later learned that the tall steeple of the Catholic church had been made to suffer.

As is often common in such attacks of lightning, the manner in which it damaged the steeple is phenomenal. The point of contact was very near the apex of the high point of the church, but instead of splintering the entire steeple it seemed to have bored a hole, probably as large as an ordinary man's hat. Below this spot a slivered strip toward the base that scarcely tore the outer covering from its surface was all the damage to be seen from the outside. It was first thought that the bolt may have passed downward into the church, and possibly damaged the interior, but it seems that the first contact was all that there is any record of.

The bolt struck the steeple on the west side near the joining point to the

JEFFRIES TO REFEREE THE COMING FIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, August 28—James J. Jeffries has been decided upon to referee the Britt-Nelson fight at Colma, September 9.

REINFORCEMENTS ORDERED FOR THE FAR EAST

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 28—An imperial ukase dated August 19 orders the mobilization of troops for the reinforcement of the army in the Far East. The order applies to certain districts in the thirteen governments, including the Don Cossacks. Horses are requisitioned for the various districts in the eighteen governments.

NOTED ACTOR DIES IN THE HOSPITAL

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 28—Lawrence Hanley, the actor, died at the county hospital here today from pulmonary trouble. At one time he was one of the most talented actors in the country.

DIED AT MERCY HOSPITAL.

Rodgers McIsaac died at Mercy hospital at an early hour yesterday morning after a lingering illness growing out of lung trouble. He had been a resident of Prescott but a short time and was supposedly in the southwest in the hope of benefiting his declining health.

He was about 40 years of age, and came west from the eastern coast country. Little is to be learned of his former surroundings from the scant effects left by him. Undertaker Frank Nevin has the body in charge, and the funeral will be held from the chapel of his establishment this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

north, cutting a comparatively clean hole. The damage, were it on the ground, would amount to but little and could easily be repaired. But from the fact that the workmen who will have to make the repairs will have to make the ascent to the top, and there do the repair work from a swinging scaffold, the task is no easy one, and is sure to prove expensive. Those who spoke of the lucky escape from more serious injury to the building all expressed surprise that the stroke had not passed downward into the main building.

FORTY-FIVE NEW VICTIMS OF PLAGUE

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 28—The fever report at 6 p. m.: New cases, 45; total to date, 1788; deaths 5, total 260; new foci 18, total 420; remaining under treatment, 182.

PEACE

Portsmouth, Aug. 29.—The peace conference arrived at complete accord today on all questions, and decided to proceed to the elaboration of the treaty. The Japanese have yielded practically everything.

THE METAL MARKET.

NEW YORK, August 28—Silver, 62 1/4; Mexicans 47; copper unchanged.

BACK FROM CALIFORNIA.

Carl Keller returned home yesterday from a run to the coast, where his family is now located, and tells of all kinds of boom business schemes in connection with the "beach property deals." He states that he expects to return to Los Angeles as soon as he can complete his business affairs here, and that he may take a chance in some winter resort proposition in the land of sunshine before he finishes his investigations of the California country.

The Journal-Miner stands up for Prescott and Yavapai county.